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SUBJ: CONVERSATION WITH FONMIN CONOMBO

FOR CU/ AF, AF AND AFR/ CWR

FOLLOWING ARE PRINCIPAL ITEMS FROM CONVERSATION PAO ALPERN
AND I HAD MAY 15 WITH CONOMBO.

1. WE EXPLAINED WE HAD SUCCEEDED OBTAIN EDUCATIONAL TRAVEL
FOR TWO GOUV NOMINEES WHOM WE HAD PREVIOUSLY REJECTED AS NOT OF
SUFFICIENT STATURE FOR LEADER GRANTS. HEA PPEARED
DELIGHTED AND RELIEVED BY THIS SOLUTION AND PROMISED EXPEDITE
THE OTHER HALF DOZEN GRANTS THAT HAD BOTTLENECKED IN THE
INTERIM. (COMMENT: WE ARE GRATEFUL CU' S PRIMPT ASSISTANCE IN
GETTING US OFF THIS STICKY WICKET. REF OUAGADOUGOU 699.)

2. WE BRIEFED CONOMBO THOROUGHLY ON THE VARIOUS ACTIONS
US HAS UNDERTAKEN IN RESPONSE TO VOLTAN DROUGHT EMERGENCY. AS
USUAL, HE APPEARED UNINFORMED AND PLEASANTLY SURPRISED AND
TOOK COPIOUS NOTES. WITH REGARD MINAG DAKOURE' S INTENTION TO
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CALL FOR DONOR MEETING OUAGA (OUAGA 875), CONOMBO CONFIRMED
MEETING PLANNED WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS.

3. I ASKED CONOMBO WHAT HE KNEW OF PRIME MINISTER' S
CURRENT INTENTIONS CONCERNING US VISIT. HE SAID HE WOULD
RECOMMEND TO PM THAT VISIT BE STARTED JUNE 25 OR 26 ON HEELS OF
OTTAWA TRIP. ALTERNATIVE OF VISITING US BEFORE OTTAWA
UNATTRACTIVE SINCE PM WOULD PROBABLY BE INVOLVED IN VISIT
TO VATICAN APPROXIMATELY JUNE 17-19. CONOMBO SAID HE INCLUDED
IN ROME TRIP, WHICH WOULD FOLLOW A VISIT HE (AND POSSIBLY PRIME
MINISTER) WERE SCHEDULED TO MAKE TO RUMANIA AND SOMEPLACE ELSE
IN ITALY. CONOMBO SAID HE WISHED DISCUSS PRIME MINISTER' S
PLANS WITH PM AND ME TOGETHER PRIOR DEPARTING FOR OAU ADDIS
MAY 18 OR 19. I WOULD THEREFORE APPRECIATE RESPONSE PARAGRAPH
SEVEN OUAGA' S 757 ASAP. CONOMBO SAID HE DOUBTED TWO DAYS IN
WASHINGTON WOULD BE SUFFICIENT.

4. AS REQUESTED DEPARTMENT' S 90281, WE ASKED CONOMBO
AUTHORIZE YAGUIBOU SIGN TA FOR 9,000 TONS SORGHUM. SUCH
AUTHORIZATION SHOULD BE FORTHCOMING SHORTLY. IF YAGUIBOU HAS
RECEIVED NOTHING IN A WEEK OR SO, LET US KNOW AND WE WILL FOLLOW
UP. FYI: CONOMBO GRUMBLED HE HAD NOT HEARD
FROM YAGUIBOU AND DIDN' T EVEN KNOW WHERE
HE WAS. END FYI.
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